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F O R E W O R D

The Franklin County ASCS Office presents this annual report of its activities and accomplishments for 1980. This information gives a brief resume of the benefits every American receives either directly or indirectly from farm programs administered through ASCS. These programs provide the framework for a sound and balanced agricultural economy.

This report may be used as a good reference any time you need information about farm programs administered in Franklin County.



O U R C R E E D

WE AS MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE ACCEPT OUR OBLIGATION AND OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY WELL AND IN FULL MEASURE. WE BELIEVE IT IS OUR DUTY...

- * To administer faithfully the federal programs and functions assigned to us.
- * To put loyalty to the highest moral principles above loyalty to persons or party.
- * To serve the public with fairness, courtesy, integrity, and understanding.
- * To give a full day's labor for a full day's pay, giving to the performance of our duties earnest effort and our best thought.
- * To develop our personal resources by seeking always to improve the efficiency, economy and effectiveness of our works.
- * To be a good neighbor and a substantial contributor to the general welfare of our community, being mindful of the common source of all our blessings.

...AND THUS DO OUR PART IN PERFORMING THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES OF THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONSERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES, AND IN FURTHERING THE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OF OUR COUNTRY.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, administers various programs by means of farmer committees in the broad fields of production adjustment, soil, water, and forest conservation assistance, and price and market stabilization.

The State ASC Committee, comprised of five farmer members, is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. The State Committee makes policy determinations at the State level and appoints a State Executive Director who is in charge of the day to day operations. Each year Franklin County farmers elect three farmers to serve as community committeemen in each of the ten ASC Communities in the county. The community committee elects three farmers to serve on the county committee. The county committee determines ASCS policy in the county. They appoint a County Executive Director to carry out the day to day operations. Counties in the state are divided into nine administrative districts. A District Director supervises county office operations in each of these districts.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

STATE ASC COMMITTEE

R. W. WILKINS, JR., CHAIRMAN

J. W. HALL

C. L. McLAWHORN

L. W. HOLLEY

Z. H. PONDER

STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

C. P. STEWART

DISTRICT DIRECTOR

D. L. Roberts

COUNTY ASC COMMITTEE

Bennie R. Gupton (January 1980)-----CHAIRMAN
Maynard G. Baker -----CHAIRMAN
Bennie B. Williams -----VICE-CHAIRMAN
W. R. Richards, Jr.-----REGULAR MEMBER
James Hawkins - MINORITY ADVISOR TO COUNTY COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY ASC COMMITTEE

A CEDAR ROCK

R. S. May
O. T. Fisher
Steve Nelms

F HARRIS

Horace W. Baker
John B. Arnold
W. R. Richards, Jr.

B CYPRESS CREEK

George Murray
Charles B. Bass
Charlie Sledge

G HAYESVILLE

Harold M. Renn
Maynard Wilson
W. E. Aycock

C DUNN

O'Deyne Mullen
Henry K. Baker
Melton White

H LOUISBURG

Wilbur Southall
Thomas Perdue
Elmo B. May

D FRANKLINTON

R. W. Pace, Jr.
Larry Wilder
J. E. Wright

J SANDY CREEK

J. C. Tharrington
J. B. Marshall
John R. Foster

E GOLDMINE

Henry K. Nelms
Kirby S. Gupton
Billy Wood

K YOUNGSVILLE

John R. Hill, Jr.
Stancil E. Woodlief
James T. Moss, Jr.

OFFICE PERSONNEL

John R. Davis ----- County Executive Director
Dorothy W. Clay ----- Chief Program Assistant
Mildred M. Bobbitt ----- Program Assistant
Diana B. Cannady ----- Program Assistant
Ruby F. Abbott ----- Program Assistant
Dahlia H. Duke ----- Program Assistant
Jane J. Williams ----- Program Assistant
Sue C. Tharrington ----- Program Assistant
Eugene R. Collins ----- Field & Office Assistant
Willie J. Highsmith ----- Custodian

FIELD PERSONNEL

Jackie Pearce ----- Tobacco Marketing Recorder
Robert Allen ----- Tobacco Marketing Recorder
Wilton Faulkner ----- Field Assistant
Eugene Underhill ----- Field Assistant

M O T T O

" SERVICE WITH A SMILE "

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

The Franklin County ASCS Office is allocated administrative funds fiscally based on workload volume. As funds are needed, sight drafts are prepared and deposited in the county committee's bank account to be used for operating cost of the county office.

Funds to cover the cost of field work for pre-measurement and remeasurement services are collected from farmers and deposited to the bank account.

1980 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Allocations -----	\$ 178,269.00
Collections -----	\$ 5,421.43
TOTAL -----	\$ 183,690.43

1980 FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURES

County Committee -----	\$ 2,601.31
Community Committee -----	1,814.77
MQ Review & Ref. Committee -----	386.85
Office & Field Personnel -----	161,239.85
Travel -----	4,299.83
Supplies & Miscellaneous expense -----	5,711.92
Unused and obligated funds -----	7,319.42
Refunds -----	316.48
TOTAL -----	\$ 183,690.43

1980 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The 1980 Agricultural Conservation Program provided cost-sharing for practices which resulted in maximum conservation benefits. Conservation measures also enhance the quality of the environment in rural areas, control agricultural related pollution, preserve and restore our natural wildlife population. Annual and long term agreements help solve current as well as long range conservation problems. Special emphasis are placed on forestry practices through ACP cost-sharing and the Forestry Incentive Program.

Federal cost-sharing assistance was offered for carrying out practices under the 1980 ACP not to exceed \$3500 per person.

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Assistance</u>
Permanent Pasture	98 acres	\$ 4,182
Pasture Improvement	599 acres	13,750
Conservation Tillage Systems	956.4 acres	9,564
Sod Waterways	24 farms	8,570
Animal Waste Control Facilities	2 farms	3,000
Terrace Systems	1 farm	180
Cover Crops	2518.5 acres	10,074
TOTALS -----	304 farms	-- \$ 49,320

FORESTRY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Forestry Incentive Program is administered through the combined efforts of the N. C. Forest Service and ASCS. The N. C. Forest Service is responsible for technical phases and ASCS offers cost-sharing assistance at 60% of the cost not to exceed \$10,000 per person. 1980 participation is as follows:

Number farms planting trees -----	23
Total Acres of trees planted -----	753.6
Total cost-share assistance paid -----	\$38,027

FEED GRAIN AND WHEAT PROGRAM

In 1980 all producers of wheat and feed grain crops could qualify for loans, purchases, disaster and deficiency payments as applicable providing a timely and accurate report was made.

Farmers were not required to plant within their normal crop acreage. Normal crop acreages were established based on 1977 plantings of barley, corn, grain sorghum, wheat, cotton, oats, rye, soybeans, sweet potatoes and sunflowers for Franklin County. There were 2346 farms with an NCA of 49,348.8 acres.

Two target price levels were established for making payments. (1) Producers were eligible for disaster/deficiency payments based on the high target levels if the sum of the NCA crops did not exceed the NCA established for the farm, and (2) producers on farms which the NCA was exceeded were eligible for disaster/deficiency payments based on the low target levels. Listed below are established target prices by commodities:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>High Level</u>	<u>Low Level</u>
Corn	2.35	2.05
Grain sorghum	2.50	2.45
Barley	2.55	2.29
Wheat	3.63	3.08

Disaster payments are made to wheat and feed grain producers to help offset losses due to natural disasters such as floods or drought. The following summary shows 1980 disaster activities for the county:

FEED GRAIN AND WHEAT SUMMARY

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>No. Farms Reporting Crops</u>	<u>No. Farms Disasters Paid</u>	<u>Amount Disaster Payments</u>
Corn	702	72	\$17,494.58
Grain Sorghum	87	24	\$14,490.27
Barley	120	0	0
Wheat	683	0	0
Totals		96	\$31,984.85

Deficiency payments are made only when the average price received by the farmer during the first five months of the marketing year falls below the target price established for each commodity. There were no deficiency payments for the 1980 crops.

T O B A C C O

Flue-cured tobacco is the number one cash crop in Franklin County. The acreage poundage program has been in effect since 1965. Each year the Secretary makes an estimate of the amount of tobacco that will be utilized and exported during the year and adjusts quotas upward or downward by the amount needed to bring production in balance with demand. Under this program, if the marketings from a farm are less than the poundage quota for the farm, the difference is added to the farm's quota (both acres and pounds) for the following year.

Price support was carried out through loans made available by Flue-cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation. The average loan level for the 1980 crop of flue-cured tobacco was \$1.41 per pound.

TOBACCO SUMMARY

No. Farms with allotments -----	2739
County Basic Allotment -----	9372.56
County Effective Allotment -----	9734.66
County Effective Quota (Pounds) -----	17,102,864
Pounds Marketed -----	16,513,539
Pounds Undermarketed -----	589,325

4 LEAF TOBACCO PROGRAM

As a result of a big buildup and poor demand of P and N grades of tobacco in F. C. Stabilization's inventory the "4 Leaf Program" went into effect. The purpose of this program was to encourage farmers to leave their bottom primings in the field. Participating farmers could plant up to 110% of the farm's effective tobacco allotment and still be eligible for price support provided the four bottom leaves were not harvested.

Number of farms signed up ----- 8

TOBACCO LEASE AND TRANSFER PROGRAM

The lease and transfer of tobacco poundage within the county continued in effect for 1980 and the growers were permitted to transfer poundage by lease through November 30th.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSE DESIGNATION PROGRAM

The Tobacco Warehouse Designation Program began in 1974 and has continued in effect since that time. To be eligible for price support farmers must visit the County ASCS Office prior to the beginning of the marketing season and select a warehouse at which they agree to market their crop. Those who failed to designate during the initial period are permitted to designate during the monthly redesignation periods when farmers are allowed to change warehouses.

The purpose of this program is to allow more orderly marketing and reduce congestion at warehouses. A big majority of the farmers participated in the program.

A total of 1733 designation forms were prepared during the 1980 marketing season.

LOUISBURG TOBACCO MARKET SALES

Number of sale days -----	27
Pounds sold -----	8,336,626
Gross sales amount -----	\$11,739,629.47
Average per one hundred pounds -----	\$140.82

NON-QUOTA TOBACCO

Maryland tobacco is a non-quota tobacco, that can be grown without an allotment. 122.24 acres were planted on 43 farms in Franklin County in 1980.

COMPLIANCE

The certification method of determining compliance was used in 1980. The planted acreages of crops and other land uses were reported by the farm operators. All tobacco farms were determined and NCA farms were selected at random and spotchecked to determine the accuracy of the reports. Aerial observation was used to determine all tobacco farms and 15% of the NCA farms. The number of reports received and determinations made by commodity is as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Number Checked</u>	<u>Acreage Checked</u>
Tobacco (Eff. Allot.)	1354	1354	8909.71
Tobacco (Zero Allot.)	1426	73	8.15
Cotton	2	2	46.7
NCA farms	1966	399	10192.8
ACP	112	7	85.3

Measurement service was requested and completed on 174 tobacco farms for 1980.

RECONSTITUTIONS

Farms must be reconstituted whenever:

- A. A change occurred in the operation of farm.
- B. An owner requests in writing that his land no longer be included in a multiple ownership farm.
- C. The farm is not properly constituted.

Number of Reconstitutions -----	150
In County Transfers -----	1
Out of County Transfers -----	1

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

The purpose of the Farm Storage & Facility Loan Program is to enable producers to obtain loans on grain bins and drying equipment. Loans may be made to cover 85% of the purchase and erection costs. Loans are for a 8 year period with 7 equal annual repayments. Interest rates of 13.0 and 12.5, were applicable in 1980.

Loans disbursed in 1980 -----	3
Active Loans -----	24

COUNTY EMERGENCY BOARD

During a local disaster or a national emergency the Emergency Board and its support personnel will carry out emergency operations from the Emergency County Office. The basic responsibilities are related to the local food situation and providing assistance in obtaining material, manpower, equipment, supplies, and services needed to carry out responsibilities. Following are members of this board.

John R. Davis, Chairman -----	ASCS
W. U. Smith, Deputy Chairman -----	SCS
Thomas Marshall, Member -----	FmHA
C. T. Dean, Jr., Member -----	CES

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

The County ASCS Office performs other duties assigned to it by the Secretary of Agriculture from time to time, such as surveys, reports, and emergency programs. We also try to keep committeemen and farmers informed properly on all phases of the programs administered by ASCS through newsletters, newspaper articles, radio programs, letters and personal contacts.

Meetings were held during the year with community committeemen, farmers, schools and civic groups.

In all our activities we strive to give the very best service possible to every person regardless of sex, race, color or creed.

C O N C L U S I O N

The Franklin County ASCS Office is located in the Agricultural Building on East Nash Street in Louisburg along with the other Agricultural Agencies. We are very grateful to the citizens of Franklin County and our county commissioners for providing good office space.

We especially want to thank Radio Station WYRN and the Franklin Times for their cooperation in getting timely and correct information out for us.

Our office is open each day, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. except for legal holidays.

We are Federal employees administering farm programs designed for the people of Franklin County. A cordial invitation to visit us is extended to all persons whenever our services are needed. You may wish to telephone us, if so the number is Louisburg #496-3121.

We hope this report has given you some insight into the purpose and accomplishments of programs administered by ASCS.



